

Call to Order The Council meeting was called to order with Warden Gregory in the chair at 6:02 p.m.

Attendance
Councillors present:

- Linda Gregory, Warden
- Jimmy MacAlpine, Deputy Warden
- David Tudor, Councillor
- George Manzer, Councillor
- Maritza Adams, Councillor

Staff present:

- Linda Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer
- Jeff Sunderland, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Pat Stevens, Executive Assistant

Regrets:

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Prayer Warden Gregory welcomed everyone and asked that we pause to seek guidance for the meeting. Warden Gregory thanked everyone for coming and read the Municipality's mission statement.

Adoption of Agenda **MOVED and Seconded that the agenda for March 29, 2016 be approved as circulated.**

Motion Carried

Presentation/Delegation

Welcome to International Students and Teacher Warden Gregory welcomed the International Students and Teacher. She passed on regrets from MP Colin Fraser and MLA Gordon Wilson. Two Municipal pins, a Canadian Flag and pin, a Provincial Flag and pin and a bookmark with O Canada on it were presented to each International Student and the Chinese Teacher.

Approval of Minutes

Council – February 22, 2016 **MOVED and Seconded that the minutes from Council of February 22, 2016 be approved as circulated.**

Motion Carried

Business Arising from Minutes/Old Business

Final Reading of PACE By-Law **MOVED and Seconded to approve the final reading of Property Assessed Clean Energy Program PACE By-Law.**

Motion Carried

Councillor Manzer

- Councillor Manzer requested an update on the derelict boat situation in Weymouth. The CAO will follow up with Tony Harvey.

Councillor Adams

- No Old Business.

Councillor Tudor

- No Old Business.

Deputy Warden
MacAlpine

- No Old Business.

Warden Gregory

- No Old Business.

New Business

#1 Funding Requests **MOVED and Seconded that the funding requests for Digby County 4 H, Freeport Musical Festival, Juniper House, Music on the Sissiboo, Transport de Clare and Parade of Lights Committee be forwarded to the budget process.**

Motion Carried

#2 Spring into Summer **Moved and Seconded to sponsor the Spring into Summer Expo for \$250.**

Motion Carried

The CAO will discuss with staff on their availability in setting up a booth at the Expo.

**#3 Loan Guarantee
\$170,000 – Brighton
Barton Fire
Department** **Moved and Seconded that the Municipality of Digby approve a Loan Guarantee in the amount of \$170,000 for the Brighton Barton Fire Department to purchase a new fire truck and build a new fire hall be approved.**

Motion Carried

**#4 Municipal Finance
Corp** **Moved and Seconded that the Municipality of Digby send a letter of intent to the Municipal Finance Corp to be included in the Spring Debenture Issue of 2016.**

Motion Carried

Moved and Seconded that the Resolution for Pre-approval of Debenture Interest Rate be approved.

Motion Carried

**#5 Legacy 150 Trip to
Ottawa** Discussion ensued regarding the Warden possibly having to go to Ottawa regarding Legacy 150. The Warden advised that the Committee was turned down for funding and has to re-apply.

Moved and Seconded that the Municipality cover costs for the Warden to attend Ottawa for Legacy 150, if attendance is required.

Motion Carried

CAO Report: The CAO report for March 29, 2016 was circulated.

**Meeting
Dates/Reminders** The Warden went over the meeting dates/reminders.

Meeting Action Items The Warden reviewed the action items and asked if there

Update were any questions from Council.

Capital Projects Update

Request for Decisions of Direction

Payables **MOVED and Seconded that the list of payables for February 2016 in the amount of \$461,096.94 be approved.**

Motion Carried

Financial Report The financial report for February 2016 was circulated.

Correspondence There was a discussion on the correspondence that was received this month.

Council Committees

By-law & Policy Recommendations

Conventions Policy #1007 Amendment **Moved and Seconded that the following amendments to the Conventions Policy #1007 be approved:**

Councillors wishing to attend more than three FCM Conferences during their four year term may attend if the other Councillors have not, nor do not intend to attend a maximum of three FCM conferences during their four year term. If there are more Councillors interested in attending than there are spots available, then the decision of who attends is decided by a draw and 4. If all Councillors have attended a maximum of three FCM Conferences during their four year term and a Councillor wishes to attend more than three FCM Conferences, that Councillor may attend as long as that Councillor is responsible for all expenses associated with attending the conference. However, the Municipality will pay the conference registration for individuals attending the FCM conference pursuant to this Clause.

Motion Carried

Milestone and Long Service Recognition Policy #3005 Amendment **Moved and Seconded that the following amendment to the Milestone and Long Recognition Policy #3005 be approved:**

The Municipality of Digby will annually recognize all Volunteer Fire Department and Ground Search and Rescue personnel upon completing a minimum of 5 years of service. Further individual recognition will subsequently be based on five year increments.

Motion Carried

#3 Funding request from Melissa Comeau **Moved and Seconded that the additional funding for 2015-16 for \$1,000 from Melissa Comeau be approved.**

Motion Carried
1 Opposed

2016-17 Street light rate **Moved and Seconded that the recommendation to approve the new street light rate at .0407¢ per \$100 of a property assessment be approved.**

Motion Carried

Committee of the Whole Recommendations

Funding Request-Nurse Practitioner Expenses **Moved and Seconded that the Municipality of the District of Digby contribute \$1,000.00 in total for travel expenses for a Nurse Practitioner for the Digby Medical Clinic for a period not to exceed three months and that a cheque for \$1,000.00 be sent to the Digby Area Charitable Health Foundation.**

**Motion Carried
1 Opposed**

Advisory Committees

Digby Source Water Protection Advisory Committee Councillor Adams advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. There is a meeting scheduled for March 31st.

Heritage Advisory Committee Councillor Adams advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.

Planning Advisory Committee Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.

Joint RCMP Advisory Board Warden Gregory advised that September 2015 minutes were circulated. The Warden is waiting to hear back on the new Staff/Sgt.

REMO Advisory Committee Warden Gregory advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. Don LeBlanc is retiring soon with Bruce Snell taking over the co-ordinator position.

Western Region Housing Authority CAO Fraser advised that there was no report available.

Regional / Joint Committees

Age Friendly Community Councillor Adams advised that the Age Friendly Community application was sent and received.

Canada Legacy Society Warden Gregory advised that that the Committee was turned down for funding and has to re-apply to other funding programs. There was a February update circulated.

Digby and Area Affordable and Supportive Housing Group Councillor Tudor advised that January, February, March meeting notes and the February Business Plan meeting notes were circulated. There is a meeting scheduled for April 12th.

Digby Annapolis Development Corp	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that the meeting scheduled for March 21 st was canceled due to the weather.
Digby Area Learning Association	Councillor Manzer advised that Learning Grove, DALA, DCEC and Executive Directors minutes/reports were circulated. The CAO advised there was requests to sponsor one of the DALA trophies again this year and have Councillor Manzer present the trophy.
Digby Area Recreation Committee	Warden Gregory advised that January minutes and March reports were circulated. The Everest Canadian Senior Curling Championship is going well. There were over 100 volunteers signed up to help during the event.
Digby Area Tourism Association	Councillor Manzer advised that February minutes were circulated. DATA is getting ready for Saltscapes.
Digby Development Agency	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that the DDA has hired an engineering company to assist in the layout of the land. They are looking to put a road in and open up the property for development.
Digby Harbour Port Association	Warden Gregory advised that February minutes were circulated. There were not enough attendees for a quorum to have a meeting in March.
Digby Library Committee	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Digby Municipal Fire Association	Councillor Tudor advised that there will be a fire association meeting later this month and Bruce Snell will advise him of the date.
Highway 101 Task Force	Warden Gregory advised that July 2015 minutes were circulated. The Warden received a call from TIR asking for her input on twinning and toll highways.
Kings Transit Authority	Warden Gregory advised that January minutes and ridership report, February Manager report and newsletter and a Community Services 2014 vs 2015 report were circulated. The March meeting was cancelled due to illness.
Open Spaces	Councillor Manzer advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Senior Safety Committee	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that the February Co-ordinator report and December 2015 minutes were circulated. The Citizen representative position is to be renewed. The Senior Safety vehicle may need quite a bit of work. The Committee needs to start building funds to replace the vehicle. They will try to find corporate sponsorship to raise funds.
Shared Services Committee	Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met.
Transport de Clare	Councillor Manzer advised that January minutes were

circulated. The new manager is working out well.

Tideview Terrace Councillor Manzer advised that January minutes were circulated.

Upper Clements Park Councillor Adams advised that January minutes were circulated. There was a meeting last week. The flume ride has to have maintenance done in the spring and the roller coaster requires an inspection. The Park will be getting rid of the admission fee. There has been talk with Bay Ferries about having people bussed to the park.

Waste Check Warden Gregory advised that the By-Law Enforcement February report and March meeting notes were circulated. The waste check budget was approved. The RRFB banquet will be held in Clare on April 6th. Both the Warden and Deputy Warden are unavailable to attend. Deputy Warden MacAlpine announced the winners of the RRFB contest from the Municipality of Digby.

Western Counties Regional Library Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that there has been no meeting since Council last met. He attended an ALBANS meeting in Truro. The committee is trying to come up with a new funding formula. There is a problem with the current funding review.

Western Regional Enterprise Network Liaison and Oversight Committee Deputy Warden MacAlpine advised that the CEO February report was circulated. There is a meeting scheduled for March 30 to develop a strategy to move forward.

Weymouth Doctor Recruiting Committee Warden Gregory advised that January minutes were circulated. The Warden advised that Dr. Ehlers is not coming to Weymouth due to personal reasons. The recruiting company will continue to looking for a Doctor for Weymouth.

Council District Reports

Councillor Manzer Councillor Manzer gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as the African Heritage Gala, the Digby Health Care Coalition, and the Trans Canada Pipeline presentation.

Councillor Adams Councillor Adams gave an update to Council on various meetings she attended such as African Heritage Gala and the Trans Canada Pipeline presentation.

Councillor Tudor Councillor Tudor gave an update to Council on various district functions he attended such as the Big Meadow Bog Boardwalk and assisted with housing problems in the area as well as community projects.

Deputy Warden MacAlpine Deputy Warden MacAlpine gave an update to Council on various functions he attended such as the African Heritage Gala, the Digby Health Care Coalition and met with the Bear River with Board of Trade and MLA Gordon Wilson, on

March 24th, to discuss the shortage of water in downtown Bear River. The Deputy Warden advised that the FCM are to host a board meeting in 2018 at the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre. He would like to consult with Annapolis County and the Town of Digby regarding putting something together to showcase this area.

Warden Gregory

Warden Gregory gave an update to Council on various functions she attended such as the African Heritage Gala, the Digby Health Care Coalition, a workshop on championing women and girls on physical activity and a Rural Caucus meeting that internet and forestry (tree trimming) were discussed. The Warden advised that there will be a breakfast held in April with all MLA's. The Warden is looking to host a UNSM meeting here, possibly in August, and then read a letter from the UNSM regarding the *Municipal Energy Learning Group*. She discussed the staffing issues at the UNSM.

Moved and Seconded that a letter be sent to the UNSM to look at possible additions to staffing levels.

Motion Carried

Comments from the Gallery

Jonathan Riley asked where the boat that is not sitting in TIR right of way is located. He was advised this boat is in Sandy Cove.

In Camera

Moved and Seconded at 7:54 PM to go In Camera.

Motion Carried

After regular session resumed

Municipal Properties

MOVED and Seconded that the properties located at Doty Rd, Ashmore, AAN 09267115; Overcove Rd, Freeport, AAN 10186498; School Street, Freeport, AAN 02157527; 4527 Highway 1, Weymouth, AAN 0163717; Water St, Freeport, AAN 09271198; 320 Trout Cove Rd, Centreville, AAN 03892794 and the Fish Shed at Gullivers Cove Rd, Gullivers Cove, AAN 04876016 be sold by tender at the recommended bid.

Motion Carried

Personnel Issue

Moved and Seconded that Karley Titus be appointed to the Senior Safety Committee.

Motion Carried

Moved and Seconded that D. Patricia Moore, for a one year term and Greg Nixon and Keith Weagle, both for two year terms, be appointed to the Planning Advisory Committee.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

MOVED and Seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Motion Carried

WARDEN

CLERK